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LUXURY TOURIST TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of `Palace on Wheels` like luxury tourist trains presently running in the country;

(b) whether there is any proposal to introduce such luxury tourist trains in some other States;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether proposals in this regard have also been received from some State Governments;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Presently, Indian Railways run luxury tourist trains like Palace on Wheels and recently launched Heritage on Wheels in collaboration with the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDC) in the Rajasthan sector and the Deccan Odyssey in collaboration with the Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation (MTDC) in the Maharashtra sector.

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for running a luxury tourist train in the Karnataka Sector has been signed with the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation (KSTDC).

(d): No, Sir.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.